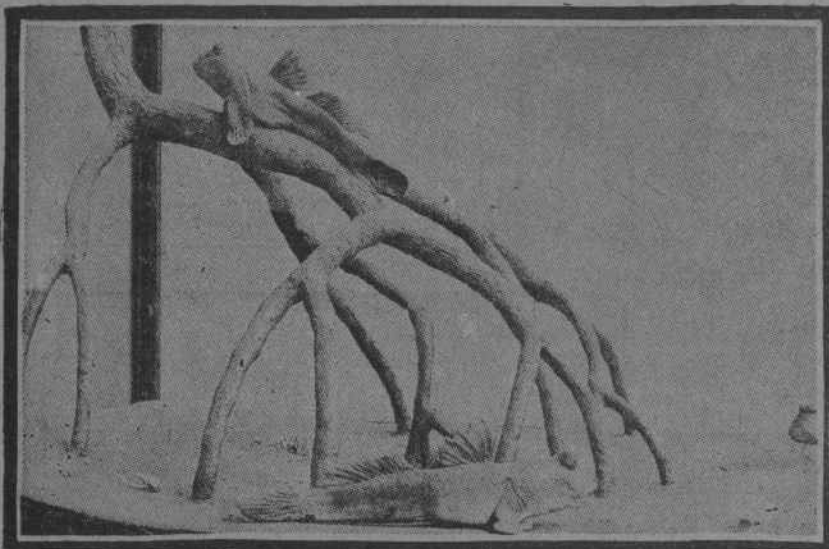


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New Things Strange & Curious

FISH THAT WALK ON LAND.



THIS is a goby fish. It walks on land, and commonly climbs trees when it feels like doing so. It is as comfortable and happy out of the water as in it. In the picture a goby is seen in the act of climbing a mangrove down in Florida.

It makes its way about pretty rapidly over exposed mud banks at low tide, keeping a sharp lookout for fiddler crabs and such small game. Its forelimbs it uses much like feet.

MESSAGE MONEY.

NO European ruler uses the telegraph so much as the Emperor of Russia. He uses a secret code both for his private and his official messages, and he spends \$30,000 a year in this kind of correspondence. Emperor William spends \$15,000 a year in the same way, and he uses a code which he has invented himself and which he finds very useful whenever he desires to communicate with the Cabinet Ministers or other prominent officials.

The telegraph is not used to any extent either by the King of Italy, the Emperor of Austria or the King of Greece, but, on the other hand, King Edward and Queen Alexandra of England use it constantly. King Edward signs his private despatches "Albert Edward" or "Bertie," and the Queen, who always signs hers "Alexandra," writes quite as many in German as in English. During 1902 the amount expended by the royal couple in this manner was between \$11,000 and \$12,000.

ORIGIN OF A NAME.

THERE is a popular legend that the surname of Kara, which means "black" in the Turkish language, was given to the founder of the Karageorgievitch dynasty because his skin was unusually dark. Georges Petrovitch, grandfather of King Peter I, was one of the wealthiest agriculturists in Serbia, and when his sister married he sent her several beehives as a present. She was highly pleased with them, but her mother was even more pleased, and promptly appropriated two of them for herself.

When Petrovitch heard this he became furious with passion, and, seizing a hive he ran to his mother and unceremoniously put it over her head. Thereupon the old lady burst out into loud reproaches, calling her son "Kara Georges!" which means "Black George," or "George, you villain!"

The most lofty clouds measured last year were at a height of 36,000 feet and moved 149 miles an hour.

WILL NOT FLIRT.

IN St. Petersburg a society has been formed for the sole purpose of waging a campaign against persons who flirt. Thirty-seven young men of the highest society in Russia have already joined the society and each has solemnly vowed that he will not pay court to any woman unless he has a serious intention of marrying her. Any member who breaks this pledge will be fined heavily for the first offence and will have to pay five times as much for the second offence. If he is so foolish as to offend a third time his name will be removed from the list of members for one year and during that time he will not be allowed to attend any meeting of the society.

AERIAL "SPLICING OF VOICES."



THIS man is "splicing voices," and he has a novel contrivance to aid him in doing his work with facility. He is a telephone lineman, but of course he is somewhat different from those you have been accustomed to see. He is something of a plumber also, for he is

KILLED BY SERPENTS.

RECENT statistics show that serpents kill more persons in India than in any other country. During 1901 the number of victims was 22,310, and it is estimated that almost, if not quite, as many were killed in 1902.

Physicians by the use of proper antidotes do what they can to effect cures, but there are many regions where physicians are very rarely seen, and there the natives rely solely on vinegar, which they apply to the wound caused by the serpent. This simple remedy is said to prove very effective if administered in time, and it is also useful in the case of wounds caused by other animals besides serpents.

MULES AS TROLLEY PASSENGERS.



THE extension of trolley lines to many of the towns in the orange growing districts of Southern California and the absorption of the Ontario and San Antonio Heights Railroad Company by the Huntington interests, rob the colony of Ontario of one of its chief distinctions. It is still unique, however, in being the only one of these towns to own and operate its own electric plant, furnishing

light and power not only to its own colony but to Los Angeles.

Until two years ago the cars were drawn up the six mile incline of Euclid avenue, bordered with orange and lemon groves, by slow and patient mules, taking an hour and a half for the trip. On the return they ran down by gravity in half an hour, the mules mounted on a rear platform, taking their ease, and evidently enjoying their ride, or the scenery.

SALARIES OF RULERS.

ACCORDING to a German statistician the salaries of European rulers are as follows:—Assuming that they work six hours a day, the Emperor of Russia receives \$80 a minute, the Emperor of Austria \$35, the King of Italy \$21, the Emperor of Germany \$17, the King of England \$15, the King of Spain \$15, the King of Belgium \$5, the King of Denmark between \$3 and \$4 and the King of Serbia between \$1 and \$2. President Loubet of France receives about five cents a minute more than the King of Serbia.

In Holland, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland a passenger can carry no luggage free.

A rifle bullet is travelling at its greatest speed not as it leaves the muzzle, but at about ten feet in front of the muzzle.

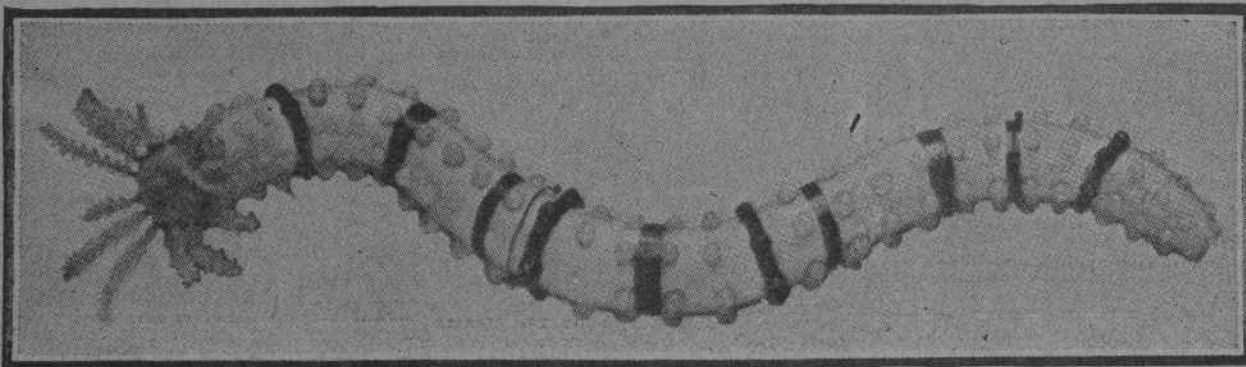
THE OLDEST STAMP.

THE stamps of Hong Kong, which remain unchanged since the first issue, are the oldest in the world. All other stamps have been changed in the forty odd years, but the head of Queen Victoria on the Hong Kong stamp has never been altered. Now, however, it appears that a new set of stamps is to be issued with the head of King Edward, and when the change has taken place the oldest stamp will be the Russian, with the double headed eagle and the shield of St. George, which was issued in 1864.

France has about four thousand duels a year and Italy twenty-eight hundred on an average.

Eighty-five and one-half million pounds of tobacco passed last year through the Custom House for home consumption in the United Kingdom.

BEAUTIFUL SEA ANEMONES SET WITH "PEARLS."



This Week's Five Dollar Prize Winner.

FULL many a flower is born to blush unseen." The poet who wrote this also had the bottom of the sea in mind when he wrote the famous quotation, for he speaks of "gems of purest ray serene." The sea anemones are in many ways the most beautiful flowers in the

world. They are extremely delicate in form and design, and in many cases their coloring surpasses in delicacy and variety the most elaborate products of the hot houses. The sea slug, as it is called, which is a member of the same general family, recently has been transplanted to the Bo-

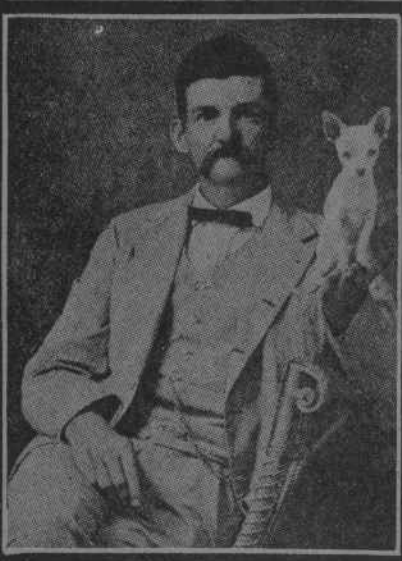
tanical Gardens of London, and resembles a beautiful bit of jewelry, with the design worked out as regularly as though made by hand. The main part of the flower has the appearance of perfect ivory, while a series of opalescent beads arranged regularly along its sides give it the appearance of being studded with pearls.

TINIEST OF DOGS.

DEPUTY SHERIFF HAMILTON RAYNOR, of El Paso, Texas, is the possessor of what he claims is the smallest full grown dog in the United States. It weighs only twenty-three ounces, and easily stands with all four feet in the palm of its owner's hand.

The midget is of pure Chihuahua breed and answers to the name of Chiquito, which means small. It is sixteen months old and was imported from Mexico when a pup.

Chihuahua dogs, so highly esteemed as pets, are becoming exceedingly rare. The fancy prices offered for them by Eastern tourists who visit Texas and Mexico have



had the effect of greatly diminishing a famous breed once numerous. Pups sell these dogs when puppies for \$10 each, but it not infrequently happens that as time wears on the pup grows until it is as large as a terrier and the owner realizes that he has been swindled. A genuine Chihuahua dog seldom weighs when fully grown more than three pounds. The dog owned by Mr. Raynor eats nothing but oatmeal and milk.

TAX EXTRAORDINARY.

A TAX on marriage is still imposed by the proprietor of a leading Bombay hotel. In a revised tariff of prices the daily charge for a single lady or gentleman is set down as five rupees, but if the lady or gentleman be married the charge will be seven rupees each. No explanation of this singular regulation is given.

GRFAT STAR COMING.

ACCORDING to astronomers, the Star of Bethlehem, which conducted the wise men to the birthplace of Jesus, will appear once more in 1910 or 1911. Josephus, the Hebrew historian, speaks of this star, which is now known as Halley's comet, and since his time it has appeared on twenty-three occasions.

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ROOSTER WAR VETERAN.

THIS rooster is a fighter, but went through a campaign in which there was no demand for his peculiar talent. He is an army pet and belongs to Driver Herriman, of the Twenty-ninth battery, Royal Field Artillery, and the two went chumily through the



South African war. The rooster was present at the Battle of Elandsalaagte, and, it is averred, crowed his companions on in the fight. He accompanied the brigade on long marches and showed both hardihood and courage. He is a tough bird indeed.

To seize a man's residence for debt is unlawful in Turkey, and sufficient land to support him is also exempt from seizure.

The record for speed in railway construction has been achieved on the Eschschistan Railway, which was pushed across a careless plain at three and a quarter miles a day.

ELEPHANT BALLOON.

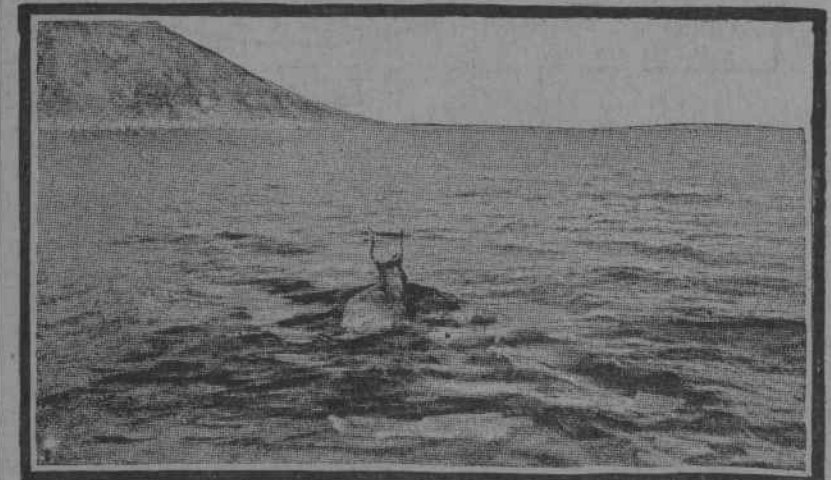
AS in the case of flying machines, the best balloons in the world come from France. There are balloon shops in Paris where you can purchase them in any form or of any size to suit the most exacting taste. Or you can have a balloon made to order to any design, as you would order a suit of clothes. These curiously fashioned balloons are, as a rule, used for advertising purposes.

As might be imagined, they are very valuable for drawing a crowd, whether tethered high up in the sky or let loose to sail majestically through the air. The elephant balloons, even very large ones, are very popular in Paris, while tigers, lions



and, in short, practically the entire population of the jungle are reproduced in this way.

SNAP-HOT OF A SWIMMING REINDEER.



REINDEER are good swimmers if this photograph has any weight as testimony. They bear the rigors of the arctic climate like Spartans, and can live on scant fare. All of this the average schoolboy knows and the daily press has told something of the United States gov-

ernment's experiment with the hardy beasts in Alaska. The one here pictured was snapped just as he was well on his way from a swim in the Marlinsland, and European camera experts who have seen the picture speak highly of the achievement.

DEAD JOHNNY BEARS



Gone to Bear Heaven by the Mushy Food Route.

Some little Johnny bears ate too freely of pasty, undercooked oats and wheat—got more starchy food than they could digest.

One had appendicitis and the other bowel trouble. They learned too late that pasty, starchy and half cooked cereals, added to white bread, potatoes and other starch food, makes more starch than the average man or woman can digest. Then follows "starch indigestion," well known to physicians and a very common complaint.

If the food is not changed serious bowel complaints set up and all too often appendicitis follows, directly traceable to irritation and disease caused by undigested starch.

These facts caused the invention of

GRAPE-NUTS

In which the starch of Wheat and Barley is transformed by scientific cooking into sugar (shining on the outside of each little granule of Grape-Nuts).

One can have the delicious ready cooked food, enjoy it, obtain the value and energy of the carbohydrates and yet not in the least tax the digestive organs.

Don't let any one deceive you by saying the stomach and bowels need hard and indigestible oats and wheat to give them exercise!!!!

They get too much exercise usually with the other food.

Never fear that the organs of digestion will get weak FROM LACK OF EXERCISE.

Tax them a little further than you are doing at present and you may join the Johnny bears, with ears in the daisies and feet to the stars.

There is sober fact worth careful thought in the tremendous mistake made in the selection and use of indigestible food.

Bodily health and increased strength follow the use of

GRAPE-NUTS

Solid proof of its value. There's a reason.